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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady. Trading reported on packer label hens and toms for prompt shipments. White meat demand was moderate to good, while the market tone was steady to firm. Parts demand was mixed, with some items under pressure due increased availability.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was inactive. Product availability is limited.



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FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-64	-	-	-	68.00	1200	SEP	3400	APR-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-63	-	-	-	66.00	1200	SEP	1800	APR-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	61-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-64	61-62	61.50	160	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	59	59.00	160	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 2 MARCH 2004.

The market tone on white meat continued steady to firm. Demand fair to good with the best interest noted on fresh. Offerings were held with confidence. The trade sentiment on tom drums and tom 2-joint wings were steady to barely steady, tom necks and full-cut wings were steady to firm. Tom drum demand was mixed ranging from slow to good with best interest noted from ground turkey processors. Demand on the balance of tom bulk parts ranged from light on 2-joint wings to fair. Offerings of tom drums and 2-joint wings ranged light to fully adequate mostly adequate, light at best on the balance of items. Thigh meat undertone was steady at best. Demand light to fair with some processors watching the export markets for further developments. Offerings light to adequate.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	86.00	840
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	56.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	54.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	55.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		M	46.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	45.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	36.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	80.00	40
NECKS, TOM	56.00		56.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	160.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	174.05	440
THIGH MEAT		M	86.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	91.33	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	92.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	86.50	80
TENDERLOINS	138.00		138.00	15
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	150.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	170.00		170.00	15
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	84.80	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	32.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	32.67	300

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS				
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	27.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	87.00	52

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	68-69
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-77

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	109-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-130

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 3 MARCH 2004.

The market tone on white meat continued steady to firm. Demand fair to good. Some buyers were starting to reduce purchases due to higher trending price levels while other industry members continued to note active buyer inquiry. Finished further processed demand was uneven with some products seasonally slowing while others note premium items demonstrating unusual strength for the time of year. White meat offerings continued to be held with confidence. Domestic trading continued to be active on white meat and tom necks, balance light. No export trading reported. For domestic: fresh wing meat 90, fresh breast trim 96, tails 34 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	86.00-92.00		90.00	360
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	86.00	840
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	56.00-57.00		56.10	39
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	54.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	55.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	47.00		47.00	4
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	45.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	36.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	80.00	40
NECKS, TOM	56.00-58.00		57.08	213
NECKS, HEN	55.00		55.00	17
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	160.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	178.00		178.00	40
THIGH MEAT		M	86.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	94.00		94.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	104.00		104.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	86.50	80
TENDERLOINS	142.00		142.00	9
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	153.00		153.00	440
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	170.00-178.00		174.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	86.00-87.00		86.67	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	32.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	35.00-37.00		35.67	180

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 03/03/04

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	ACCUMULATED		
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2003-2004	23,637	189,459	189,459
2002-2003	26,919	315,842	316,142

BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 02/25/04

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	ACCUMULATED		
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2003-2004	1,100	165,822	165,822
2002-2003	5,529	288,923	289,223

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